

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WHONCHEE LEE ET AL.
 APPLICATION No.: 09/887,767
 FILED: JUNE 21, 2001
 FOR: MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE
 HAVING CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL WITH
 BLUNT CORNERED APERTURES, AND
 ASSOCIATED METHODS FOR
 REMOVING CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL

EXAMINER: ALVIN J. GRANT
 ART UNIT: 3723
 CONF. NO: 9072

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed February 22, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8, 20-35 and 37-51. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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